<u>ARGUMENT</u>

Claims 17-28, 30-42, 45, 47-48, 50-51, 53-69 and 86-87 remain pending in the application.

Claims 17, 24, 25 and 26 have been amended.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 24-28 as being dependent from a cancelled claim. Applicant has made appropriate corrections. In addition, Applicant has made a change to Claim 17 to ensure that the claim is not unnecessarily limiting while properly claiming the invention.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application or has any questions or concerns about the amendments, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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